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[GLOSSARY OF CHRONOLOGICAL TERMS FREQUENTLY USED IN TeHEP UPDATES:

Chalcolithic Period = Copper/Stone Age, 4400-3300 BCE; EBA = Early Bronze Age, 3300-2350 BCE; IBA = Intermediate Bronze Age, 2350-2000 BCE; MBA = Middle Bronze Age, 2000-1550 BCE; LBA = Late Bronze Age, 1550-1200 BCE; IA1 = Iron Age 1, 1200-1000 BCE; IA2 = Iron Age 2, 1000-586 BCE; IA3 = Iron Age 3/Persian Period, 586-332 BCE; HP = Hellenistic/Greek Period, 332-63 BCE; ERP = Early Roman Period, 63 BCE-168 CE]

Hello All:

This is going to be short, because I'm really tired tonight and I need to get my ankle up and take some Ibuprofen (I sprained my right ankle today, but not too badly; it just hurts when I walk or sit or stand!). Last evening upon arriving back from the Petra fieldtrip, Alex Z fell and put a gash in his head and had to be taken to a nearby hospital to get stitched up. That all went fine, and today he was back out at the site going full bore. Seems we're a tough bunch of old guys!

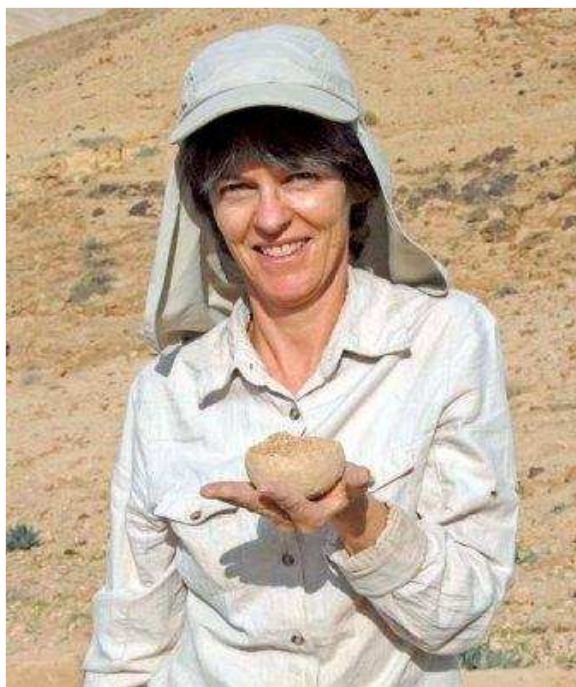


CLEARING IN FRONT OF THE EBA CITY WALL



EB1 BOWL IN SITU WITH COVERING BOWL STILL VISIBLE

We finished the dolmen excavation today. Now it's just a matter of clean-up, measuring, and final drawings. We've got some exciting things happening on the dig, but also outside at the moment a huge thunderstorm is headed in our direction. I can see the lightning and hear the thunder over the Dead Sea. The paper this morning predicted this, and they said it would be quite severe with lots of rain, hail, and strong winds. So, it looks like we won't be going out to the site tomorrow. But this is good because I'm scheduled to meet with Dr Fawwaz Al-Khraysheh at 11am tomorrow, and also go to the Jordan Geographic Center with Hussien and Leen to look at old arial photos of our area. These are usually very instructive. We've got some, but we'd like to see others. Then the rest of the team will tour the Amman Citadel Museum (National Museum) to study pottery and other artifacts. We'll make the most of the day if we can't dig!



EB1 BOWL FROM DOLMEN TOMB



5000-YEAR-OLD BEADS FROM SCREENING

Talk to you tomorrow. Thanks for your continued and much needed financial support. I know I say that a lot, but I truly mean it. You never cease to amaze me.

Digging the Bible,

Steven Collins, TeHEP Director
Dean, College of Archaeology, Trinity Southwest University

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